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HOUSE RESOLUTION 257

By West

A RESOLUTION to commend Sharon L. Travis for extraordinary service as a legislative intern for the House Consumer and Employee Affairs Committee.

WHEREAS, each legislative session this body is pleased to recognize certain persons who have committed themselves, through their adroit service, to the betterment of the legislative process; and

WHEREAS, Sharon L. Travis is one such individual who has distinguished herself in her role as a state legislative intern for Chairman Ben West, Jr., Vice Chairman Larry Turner, Secretary Sherry Jones and the entire House Consumer and Employee Affairs Committee; Sharon's work has resulted in innumerable benefits for the legislators she assisted and the General Assembly as a whole; and

WHEREAS, a student at Tennessee State University, where she is highly admired by her peers, Sharon has achieved academic success while majoring in Political Science and minoring in Psychology; she has also participated in numerous extracurricular activities, and worked as an Outreach Coordinator for Planned Parenthood of Middle Tennessee in Nashville; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Travis is a non-traditional student who worked for Simon and Schuster Publishing Company as a Data Entry and Customer Service employee in Bristol, Pennsylvania

from 1979-86. She obtained a Paralegal Certificate from Omega Institute in Cinnaminson, New Jersey in 1986; worked as a Litigation Paralegal with the New Jersey State Attorney General's Office in Trenton, New Jersey from 1988-91; and as a Litigation Paralegal for the Tennessee Attorney General's Office in Nashville from 1992-96; and

WHEREAS, Sharon brought a wealth of experience and an excellent work ethic from her years of employment to bear upon her academic goals; she has been on the Dean's List, is a member of Pi Sigma Alpha, a Political Science Honor Society, and will graduate Magna Cum Laude with a Bachelor of Science degree in Political Science in August 2000; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Travis has an abiding interest in young people and has served as a Youth Leader at Trinity Fellowship in Delanco, New Jersey and as Education Coordinator at Victory Church in Nashville. She also served with energy and dedication as Communications Coordinator at Faith, Hope and Love Fellowship in Nashville; and

WHEREAS, Sharon has been described by a friend as an intelligent, caring, personable, loyal, articulate and trustworthy person who is both decisive and positive and encouraging to those around her. Those who have had the pleasure of working with her in her role as a Legislative Intern describe her as a "fun-loving, God-fearing, deep-thinking Yankee" who is bound to succeed in any endeavor which she may choose; and

WHEREAS, eager to familiarize herself with the characteristics and complexity of Tennessee state government and to further in her studies, Sharon brought her many abilities and expertise to Capitol Hill for the 2000 session of the One Hundred First General Assembly; and

WHEREAS, throughout the 2000 legislative session, Ms. Travis has surpassed all criteria with regard to the attributes of a devoted and conscientious legislative intern; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Travis has performed her many duties with extraordinary insight and decorum; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIRST GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, That we hereby commend

Sharon L. Travis for outstanding service as a legislative intern for Chairman Ben West and the House Consumer and Employee Affairs Committee and extend to her our best wishes for every future success.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.